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**Petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 to Withdraw Notice of Abandonment
and Continue Examination of the Patent Application.**

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR § 1.181 to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment and continue examination of the patent Application.

Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment mailed June 17, 2003. The Notice states that the application is abandoned in view of Applicant's failure to file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on September 17, 2003 explaining that, "No reply has been received."

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003, Applicants filed a timely response December 2, 2003.

A copy of the response is attached. The response includes a "Certificate of Mailing" signed by Noelle Constatinou that states, "I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on December 2, 2003."

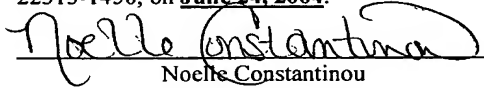
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Consequently, the Notice of Abandonment is improper and should be withdrawn. Upon withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment, prosecution of the patent application should be continued as required by 35 USC § 132(a).

Applicant believes since this is an error of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no fees are due. However, if the Commissioner determines that any fees are due please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0852. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

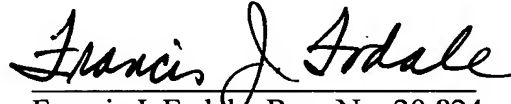
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